

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant sincerely thanks Examiners Lin and Pendleton for conducting an in-person interview with Applicant's representatives, David W. Foster and Benjamin A. Keim, on Tuesday, July 22, 2008.

During the interview, Applicant's representatives respectfully traversed the Office's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a). Nevertheless, for the sole purpose of expediting allowance and without conceding the propriety of the Office's rejections, Applicant's representatives also proposed amending the independent claims in a manner similar to that shown above. Applicant's representatives understood Examiners Lin and Pendleton to agree that if Applicant were to make such amendments, the Office would at least deem the pending claims allowable over the references of record. Examiners Lin and Pendleton also indicated that they would need to update their search.

Applicant thanks the Examiners for this indication, as well as for the courtesy shown by interviewing this matter.